

AGREED

To an Investigation

Of the Management of the Schools.

Exciting Meeting of Board of Education.

Teachers Committee's Report Was Reconsidered.

Supt. Thomas Wants a Fair Hearing

—Col. Gibbons Elected.

As a result of last night's meeting of the Board of Education, a committee of five members will be appointed by President Inman to make an investigation into the conduct and management of Akron's public schools.

Resolution.
The resolution calling for this action was introduced by Mr. Kelley, of the Third ward.

It was as follows:
"Resolved, That a committee of five members of the Board be instructed to enquire into the conducting and management of the public schools. That said committee use all possible means to ascertain the true condition and make a report with recommendations as soon as possible. The committee to be appointed by the chair."

Previous to this there had been an animated discussion between the Thomas and anti-Thomas forces. Before introducing the resolution Mr. Kelly said:

"In view of the misunderstandings, the rumors, and

the Accusations
made against the conduct of our schools and having in mind the fair fame of our schools, I believe an investigation should be made and truth again placed on its pedestal."

His resolution was adopted without any discussion. The President will not appoint the committee before the next meeting.

Board Divided.
There is no denying the fact that the Board is divided against itself. The members are lined up for and against Superintendent Thomas, and from the action taken Tuesday night it seems that the "anti's" are in the majority.

Action Reconsidered.
Practically the whole session was devoted to discussion of the recent action of the Teachers and Salaries committee. Because of the great

dissatisfaction that resulted from it, the Board has, on the motion of Mr. Frese, rescinded the previous report of this committee and the superintendent, and a reconsideration of the entire matter will be taken up. This means, that with the exception of a few whose names were accepted last night, the city is without a teacher for next year.

All Taken Up Again.
The reduction in salaries, the dismissals and resignations are all to be taken up again by the Committee on Teachers and Salaries and Superintendent Thomas.

During the session there were many plain statements made by both Mr. Frese and Superintendent Thomas. The first clash came when a report to increase the salaries of a number of teachers was read by Dr. Reed.

Salaries Promised.
Mr. Frese took the floor. He said: "This should have been embodied in the last report of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries and it would have been but for a misunderstanding. It seems that certain salaries have been promised or intimated by the superintendent. These have never reached the committee's ear, through the superintendent. The committee can only learn of the teacher's ability through Prof. Thomas. Because of these promises or intimations of certain salaries, made by the superintendent to the teachers, but never reported to the committee, we have been blamed for all the trouble."

Superintendent Replies.
In replying to this Superintendent Thomas said that early this year he had been informed by Mr. Frese that he would be "called down" if he attempted to say much in the selection of teachers or the regulation of the salaries.

"It was an exceedingly happy thought to me that I was to be kept away from the matter of salaries. I did overreach this much. I fairly and squarely opposed any reduction in salaries. I said that it would be better to discharge the teachers than to reduce their salaries. That has been my position in the past and it is my position tonight. What I may have said in an informal way to the committee has been taken as a promise. I have said nothing to the teachers this year. I have told some that the Board would hire as cheaply as possible. Where I have been expected to convey news of an expected increase to the Board, I have done so. I cannot see why this trouble should be shifted to my shoulders."

Valuation Fixed.
Mr. Kelley, who is a member of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries, said "The Superintendent is expected to inform the Committee of the value of a teacher. He has placed the valuation on them. As far as I am concerned, this has been true in every case. I know of no case where the raising or lowering of a salary was not based on what was said by the Superintendent."

To this the Superintendent replied: "All true. I have in no case

changed the recommendation from that which I have told the teachers I would make."

Mr. Frese's Correction.

Mr. Frese—"I rise to correct the superintendent. There have been cases where an expected raise was not reported to the committee. If he recommends \$500 to the committee where \$525 has been promised by him to the teachers, we have been at a loss to fix the salaries satisfactorily. His statement that I said he should keep his hands off is not true."

Mr. Thomas—"As much was intimated to me."

Mr. Slabaugh—"What has happened during the last two weeks to throw additional light on this matter? Have the teachers increased in skill and value during that time? The committee should not be bluffed into raising salaries. If there is any additional light I should like to hear it."

Mr. Frese said a few teachers had asked him for an increase because they had other places in view.

Opposed Reductions.
Dr. Reed, one of Supt. Thomas' warm supporters, said that the superintendent had opposed any reduction in salaries from the first to last. He charged Mr. Frese with being responsible for a number of reductions.

Mr. Frese—"When we came to the names of certain teachers the superintendent was asked, 'Is she worth that much?' He answered, 'No, she is not.' I believe that a teacher should not get more than she is worth. It was with this understanding that all cuts were made."

"Boys' Play."
Mr. Talcott said, "It seems to me it is time we are finding out what the salaries should be. This is boys' play."

Superintendent Thomas—"In no case does Mr. Frese's statement hold true, with the exception of that of three teachers in the Leggett building. He said to me that I had told him a year ago that these salaries should be cut. I have no recollection of such a promise."

Mr. Talcott—"Who recommended a reduction in the salary of Miss Freker of the Howe building?"
Dr. Reed—"I believe statements made by Mr. Talcott are responsible for that."

Mr. Talcott—"I am ready to back up every statement that I have made."

Defeated an Increase.
At this point a motion to adopt a report to increase the salaries of a number of teachers, recommended by the committee, was lost by a vote of 6 to 5. The vote stood:

Ayes—Raymond, Otis, Kelley, Diehl, Inman, Reed.

Nays—Millikin, Slabaugh, Frese, Hartzell, Talcott.

The report is given later in the proceedings of the board.

Mr. Frese thereupon said, "I think this entire matter should be taken up again and I move that the report of the committee on Teachers and Salaries be reconsidered." This motion was carried.

Mr. Frese then moved that the matter be referred back to the committee on Teachers and Salaries and Superintendent. Carried.

Mrs. Sproul's Case.

The case of Mrs. Frances Sproul, a teacher in the Perkins school, was then taken up by Mr. Frese, who had a number of pointed questions to ask the superintendent along this line. It is claimed by Mr. Frese that Mrs. Sproul, who had first year work, was desirous of being re-employed. It is alleged she called on Superintendent Thomas to state her wishes. He informed her that there was some doubt as to her re-election as it might be impossible to give her work in the first year. He also said that the teachers at the Perkins school were not in harmony. Mrs. Sproul was told that personally Mr. Thomas considered her an excellent teacher and that he would do all he could for her. She was requested to place her resignation in his hands, so that in case her application was not favorably received, he could give it to the committee. She complied with the request. At the meeting of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries Mrs. Thomas informed the members that Mrs. Sproul was not a candidate for re-election. The resignation never reached the committee.

Prof. Thomas Questioned.
On this matter Mr. Frese said: "As a member of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries, I wish to ask the superintendent a few questions. Did you receive the resignation of Mrs. Sproul previous to May 9?"

Mr. Thomas—"I received a letter from Mrs. Sproul, which was perhaps

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ACTION

Urged by Citizens.

Validity of Ordinance Should be Tested.

"If Void Central Union at City's Mercy."

Rests With the People to Determine Course.

Important Question Should be Settled Promptly.

The decision of the United States Supreme court, noted in Wednesday's DEMOCRAT, will receive the prompt attention of the Citizens' Committee of Fifty.

If the Central Union Telephone company has no rights in the streets it should be known. It seems to be the opinion of a large number of business men that an action should be instituted to test the validity of the alleged twenty-five year franchise under which the company operates.

A DEMOCRAT reporter interviewed Judge Tibbals Thursday.

He said: "I believe proceedings should be commenced at once, to test the franchise ordinance. Strike while the iron is hot. A meeting of the Citizens' Committee should be called immediately and the question taken up."

"How will the recent Supreme court decision affect the local telephone controversy in Akron?" was asked.

"The report of the decision is so meagre that one cannot exactly say how far reaching the result will be. It seems safe to say, however, that if the report of the holding of the Supreme court is correctly given that the Central Union has no rights in Akron, except such as are acquired by the ordinance of Nov. 18, 1888, which the Committee of Fifty believe to be invalid. Should such be contested and this view sustained, the Central Union will be at the mercy of the city authorities, and if no new franchise or privileges are granted that company, it will be compelled to withdraw from the city. It seems to rest with the city and people to determine whether they will have two companies in Akron, or if not both, then which shall receive their support and patronage; and that question ought to be settled promptly and for the interest of those desiring telephone service on reasonable and fair terms."

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WILL ENLARGE

The Erie Freight Depot--Officials Here.

J. C. Moorhead, S. P. Shane and C. J. Thomas of Cleveland; C. A. Allen and W. M. Kimble, of Galion, officials of the Erie road, were here Tuesday, investigating in regard to enlarging the freight depot, which contemplated improvement was mentioned in the DEMOCRAT a few days ago.

The result of the investigation has not yet been made public, but it is said the converting of the passenger station into a freight depot and removing the passenger station to the Union depot was discussed.

Wm. A. Willett, the noted baritone singer of Cleveland, will sing at the benefit entertainment at First Congregational church tonight.

LAST LINKS.

JUBILEE SINGERS--The Southern Jubilee singers will give a concert at Calvary Evangelical church Wednesday evening.

KOEBER CASE--Justice J. R. Campbell has set Thursday forenoon for hearing the case of John Koerber, the Central building saloon-keeper, charged with keeping his establishment open on Sunday.

ATTACHMENT PROCEEDINGS--On Saturday, in Justice E. J. Hard's court will be heard the attachment case of Louise O. Rumpus vs. Sarah and P. P. Her, for groceries.

GRAND REUNION--The National Brotherhood of Operative Potters will have a grand re-union at Cascade Park, New Castle, Pa., Monday, June 15.

STAR ROUTES--Peter Stiles, a Star mail route agent, of Indiana, Pa., was in the city Wednesday. He has sub-let three routes in this part of the state--that from Summit to Shook, of Kent; that from Kent to East Liverpool to Frank Shufelt, of East Liberty; and that from Wadsworth to Akron to the present carrier, the contracts to take effect July 1.

FUNERAL--The funeral of John Nolan, 405 North Maple st., will be held Friday at 9 o'clock at St. Vincent de Paul's church.

PERSONAL.

Edward Dugand and Frank Kittinger, of this city, left Monday for Missoula, Montana.

Mrs. I. Sands has returned to her home in Cleveland after a visit with her father, A. Polsky.

The fourth annual reunion of the Miller family will be held at A. D. Miller's in Wadsworth tp., Thursday, June 1.

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THE WEATHER:

Fair tonight and Thursday.

GAS MACHINE

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Richard Brown, 700 South High st., and James R. Dixon, 111 Dixon place, were granted a patent on a carburetor Tuesday.

The machine in question is a useful improvement in gas machines. It converts gasoline into an inflammable vapor and mingles the vapor with air to form an illuminating gas.

The object of the invention is to produce a compact and efficient device whereby the vaporization of the gasoline and the admixture of air shall be formed only substantially as fast as the gas is needed for consumption, thereby avoiding the necessity for a gasometer and consequent danger of the accumulation of a large body of gas.

A DEMOCRAT reporter saw the machine in full operation Monday afternoon. It produces gas for lighting and heating purposes. It is claimed that 1,300 feet of gas can be produced with four gallons of gasoline. Only four per cent of oil is used, while 96 per cent is air.

Messrs. Brown and Dixon expect to make a machine that will operate a boiler without the use of coal.

DIFFERENCE

Of Opinion on the K. of P. Temple Project.

Some Members Claim an Opera House Will Not Pay.

The K. of P. committee having the opera house and temple project in charge were scheduled to meet last night.

Only 8 members of the committee of 33 were present, hence there was no quorum. It was decided to meet next Friday evening.

It is said there is a good many different opinions as to what should be done in the matter. Some favor an opera house and temple, while others say the opera house would be a losing investment. Should plans be carried through it is probable that Sicily lodge will not go into the company.

EXCELLENT

Program Arranged For Miss Angie Watters Concert.

An excellent program has been prepared for the concert to be given at the First Congregational church Wednesday evening under the direction of Miss Angie Watters. It is as follows:

Organ solo, Miss Ione Edgerton; "Days of Last Departing," by Tuesday Musical club; duet, "Oh, That We Two Are Maying," by Mrs. Henry Perkins and W. A. Willett; solo, with violin obligato, "Oh, Happy Days," by Mrs. S. S. Haynes; "La Favorite," Miss Watters' orchestra; solo, with organ, "It Is Enough," William A. Willett; trio, "The Wood Nymphs," Messdames D. L. Marvin, Henry Perkins and S. S. Haynes; violin solo, with organ, Mrs. George C. Kohler; "Hark! Hark! The Lark," Tuesday Musical club; songs, "Thou Art So Like a Flower," "Constancy," "My Rosary," "The Lord Is My Light," William A. Willett; "Big Five March," Miss Watters' orchestra, assisted by Miss Edgerton with piano, J. T. Flower with flute and Max Glover with cello.

The accompanists will be Miss Edgerton, Miss Glover and Mrs. Charles Bruot.

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Increase Assured.

A meeting will be held soon by the Akron & Cuyahoga Falls Rapid Transit Co. to consider the matter of increasing the wages of their employees. Just what the advance will be is not yet known, but it is assured that some increase will be made.

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DESTITUTE

Is Taylors Family--

Motion to Continue.

First of Kind In Local Courts--Aged Couple Married.

The attorneys for H. N. Taylor filed a motion Wednesday, asking that his case be postponed until the last of the term.

He is under indictment on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. C. T. Grant, who will defend him, stated that to take Taylor away from his family would result in great suffering. They are in destitute circumstances, and the husband and father contributes whatever there is. Mr. Grant said he had been at the residence and found affairs in very bad condition.

The court said this was the first time in his experience that a continuance had been asked on the grounds stated. He did not pass on the matter.

Got the License.

Joel Maxam and Matilda Coy were given a marriage license Wednesday. He is 60 and the bride 71. Both live in Twinsburg. Tuesday Maxam was unable to give a history of the bride's parents and the license was refused.

Motion to Quash.

The attorneys for S. A. Martin have filed motions to quash the indictments against him, claiming there is no offense charged.

Criminal Assignment.

Criminal cases are to be taken up in the following order: State vs. Richter, State vs. Powell, State vs. Fish, State vs. Smith, State vs. Witzman, State vs. Taylor, State vs. Hartman, State vs. Riley, State vs. Martin, State vs. Sang, State vs. Cowles, State vs. Garber, State vs. Norris.

Divorce Cases.

John W. Burton has filed a petition for a divorce from Louisa Burton. They were married in 1889. She charges willful absence.

The divorce case of Ella J. vs. Nelson Stebbins was heard Wednesday.

Marriage Licenses.

Joel Maxam, Twinsburg, 60
Matilda Coy, 71
Frederick Groest, Hudson, 22
Emma Marriot, Hudson, 19

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NEW ARMORY.

Company F Has Quarters In the Steinbacher Block.

Company F, unattached, has established its new armory at 109 South Howard st., Steinbacher block, a desirable location, and after some repairs are made it will prove to be very convenient quarters. Requisitions for new arms and equipments also for 60 complete uniforms have been made and will be received in the near future.

The company will assemble for the first time at its new armory on Saturday, May 27th, at 7:30 p. m., when arrangements and details for Memorial Day exercises will be made. All members and all former members of Co. F are hereby requested to meet.

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